

24. (Previously presented) The ostomy pouch of claim 1, wherein said sliding zipper fastener includes a zipper slider and at least one non-toothed zipper track, the track having a curved shape to define an at least partly curved path along which the slider is slidable, and wherein the slider comprises one or more track engaging surfaces having a characteristic to accommodate the curved path of the slider along the non-toothed track.

REMARKS

The Examiner's indication of non-compliance has been carefully considered. The Examiner indicated in a continuation paragraph 1(c) that an amendment to the specification can be done in certain ways, including by replacing paragraphs. This approach has been utilized in the amendment to the specification included herewith.

In a continuation of paragraph 3(c) , the Examiner indicated that it is not clear from the earlier submitted Remarks what was done with the Figures. In response, it is respectfully indicated that the Examiner's objections to the drawings were that numeral 10 had been omitted from the drawings, element 50 was not shown the same in Figs. 6 and 7, and in Fig. 5 element 60 denotes the track not the channel as described and element 64 (in Fig. 5) should not be shown. The drawings submitted with the Amendment of April 27, 2006, show numeral 10 in Figs. 1-4, element 50 is shown consistent in both Figs. 6 and 7. In Fig. 5 element 60 designates the track and not the channel and element 64 has been deleted. Accordingly, it is believed that the Examiner's objection to the drawings have been resolved.

The Examiner also indicated in the continuation to paragraph 3(c) that the Abstract inappropriately is less than 50 words. The Abstract has been amended herewith to resolve this item. Also, the continuation to paragraph 3(c) notes that claim 1 as submitted in the amendment has the period underlined. Claim 1 is submitted herewith having the underlining removed.

The claims, the Abstract and the drawing have been treated in this Response as though they were previously presented in the Amendment mailed April 27, 2006. It is requested that the Remarks in the April 27, 2006 Amendment also be reviewed by the Examiner.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment should now be considered compliant.

Allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

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